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**MAHOPAC MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ROBBERY AND WEAPONS
CHARGES IN CONNECTION WITH 2001 SHOOTING**

DAVID N. KELLEY, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that SALVATORE SAVOCA, 32, of Mahopac, New York, pled guilty today in White Plains federal court to robbery and weapons charges stemming from the June 21, 2001 attempted robbery of Michael Geary of the cash proceeds of the Rhino Bar in Mahopac, during which Geary was shot. SALVATORE SAVOCA pled guilty before United States Magistrate Judge GEORGE A. YANTHIS.

The robbery charge carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and the weapons charge carries a maximum sentence of life imprisonment and a mandatory minimum term of 10 years. LAWRENCE SAVOCA also faces the greater of a \$250,000 fine or twice the gross gain or loss resulting from the crime on each count.

Sentencing was scheduled for July 22, 2004 before United States District Judge STEPHEN C. ROBINSON.

SALVATORE SAVOCA's brother and co-defendant, Lawrence Savoca, 38, of The Bronx, New York, is scheduled to go on trial

before Judge ROBINSON on May 10, 2004, on the same two charges plus a charge of a felon in possession of a weapon.

Mr. KELLEY praised Town of Carmel Police Department and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms for their investigation of this case.

Assistant United States Attorneys ELLIOT B. JACOBSON and JONATHAN LEIKEN are in charge of the prosecution.

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